



*Serving the residents of Barrington, Durham, Lee, Madbury, Newfields, Newmarket, Northwood, Nottingham, and Strafford*

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September 25, 2020

Mr. Connor MacIver, Town Administrator  
Town of Barrington  
P.O. Box 660  
Barrington, NH 03261

Dear Mr. Mac Iver;

We are requesting that the Selectmen consider supporting Ready Rides for the town's 2021 budget once again. Since Barrington's resident transportation coordination with Ready Rides, we have completed 1019 rides to date, since you joined forces with us. At this time we have 7 vetted drivers from Barrington and 69 registered riders. We are actively searching for more drivers to help complete the requested rides from Barrington along with people that are in need. Your help in this endeavor would be greatly appreciated. We also offer accessible transportation.

Ready Rides is a 501 (c) 3 non-profit which has been organized to provide rides to medical related appointments for seniors and the physically challenged. We have increased the towns we serve to 9 communities which are Barrington, Durham, Lee, Madbury, Newfields, Newmarket, Northwood, Nottingham and Strafford. Ready Rides will keep seniors and the physically challenged as independent as possible by providing them access to health care. The rides will be provided by volunteers who have gone through a vetting process, and there will be no charge for the bulk of the rides.

This year has been a trying year for all towns, and we here at Ready Rides understand the extra strain and stress that puts on a towns budget. In the past, each year we would request \$1,500.00 to help us provide transportation to those in need in Barrington, but this year we feel we have enough in savings that we would like to lower our request for this year to only \$750 at this time. Ready Rides will rely more this year on our savings, grants, and in-kind donations from volunteer drivers, board members, and participating Faith Communities. This money will be used for volunteer driver mileage reimbursement, a coordinator, and costs associated with the program including a phone line, insurance, and outreach materials.

We believe that there is a great need for this program in our nine towns, and the huge numbers of requests have proven this to be true. Without public transportation, it becomes very difficult to get to medical appointments when persons can no longer drive, therefore making it almost impossible to remain in our towns without help, and we will continue to provide this service as we have during this pandemic.

Sincerely,

Tahja Fulwider– Volunteer Drivers Coordinator

Cc: Margie Longus – resident, board member and vice chair, and vetted driver